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Subject: Maine Regulatory Fairness Board to meet at Thomas College in Waterville, Nov 3rd

The Maine Regulatory Fairness Board will be holding a meeting at **Thomas College, in the Spann Student Center, in the Berry Dunn Conference room at 12:30 on November 3rd**. The Board will listen to testimony from small businesses (less than 50 employees) about issues related to regulatory statutes and rules that might negatively impact small businesses. The Board consists of 4 members from the small business community and is chaired by the Secretary of State.

The Board meets three times a year to hear from small businesses on their ideas and experiences with statutes and rule that create a burden on small businesses. The Board is staffed by the Small Business Advocate, who works with small businesses to attempt to resolve issues with state agencies and regulatory impacts. The Advocate also advocates on statute and rule changes that would improve the regulatory burden on small businesses.

The meetings of the Regulatory Fairness Board are fairly informal conversations with businesses who have questions or issues about state regulations that impact their business. Testimony can be given in either oral or written form. The Board files an annual report with the legislature with recommended statutory changes that have arisen as a result of the work of the Small Business Advocate and the meetings of the Regulatory Fairness Board.

This is free to attend and we hope you take the opportunity to attend and share any concerns you may have with this board.

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